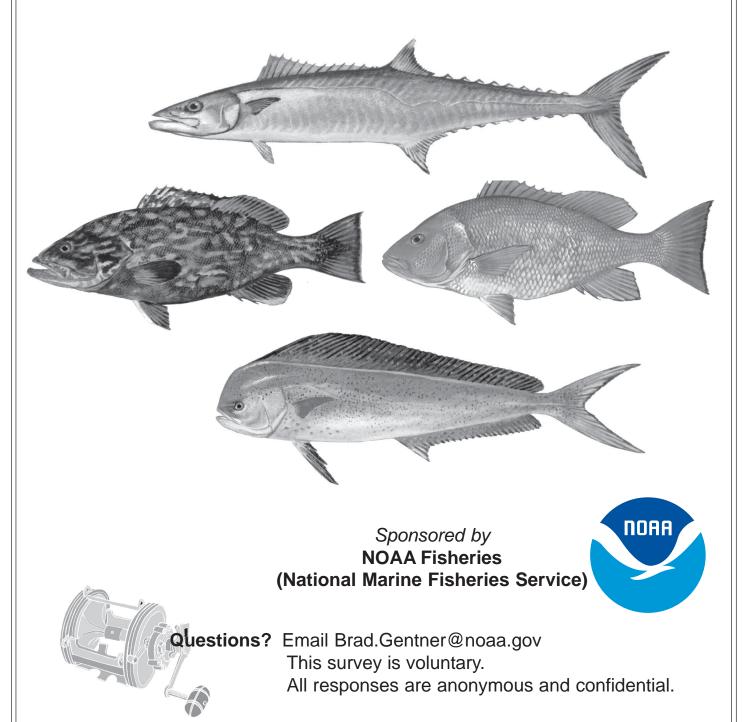


What Do You Think?



#### Section A: Your Recent Sport Fishing Activities

Your opinions are important. The questions in this survey are about YOU and YOUR recreational saltwater fishing activities and preferences. Except when asked, please do not include any information from other household members or other fishing party members. When completing the questionnaire please print clearly.

Over the past year, how often have you targeted each of the following saltwater species?

Saltwater Species	Never Target	Rarely Target	Frequently Target	Always Target
Grouper				0
Red Snapper				
Other Snapper (NOT Red Snapper)				
Tuna (yellowfin, bluefin, blackfin,etc.)				
Dolphin (mahi-mahi)				
Cobia				
King mackerel				
Spanish mackerel				

A1.a If you target any other fish not listed above, please write them in the space provided.

A2 What are your preferences for keeping the following saltwater fish? Please mark only one choice for each species.

Saltwater Species	Have not caught	I keep all that I am legally allowed	I keep some of what I am legally allowed	I keep none of what I am legally allowed
Grouper				$\bigcirc$
Red Snapper				
Other Snapper				
Tuna				
Dolphin				$\circ$
Cobia				
King mackerel				
Spanish mackerel				

On your most recent saltwater fishing trip, how much did you personally spend during that trip? Please do not include any costs paid by others.

Type of Expenditure	Personal Expenditure
Auto/truck fuel	\$
Airfare or other public transportation	\$
Auto/RV rental	\$
Lodging	\$
Food and drinks from grocery/ convenience stores	\$
Food and drink from restaurants and bars	\$
Boat fuel	\$
Fishing gear or tackle used only on this trip	\$
Bait	\$
Ice	\$
Equipment rental	\$
Access/boat launching fees	\$
Party, charter, or guide fees (include tips)	\$
Other:	\$

<b>A</b> 4	During the past two months, how m	nany fishing trips have you taken in:
6	Freshwater	
	Saltwater	
<b>A</b> 5	During the past two months, how maken from:	nany saltwater fishing trips have you
	Beach or bank	Privately owned boat
	Pier, bridge, or jetty	Charter, party, or head boat

Below are several reasons why you may release fish you could have legally kept. Indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with the following reasons.

"I release some fish I could have legally kept because"	Strongly Agree	Agree	Feel Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I don't like to eat some types of fish.			0		
even though they are of legal size they are too small to keep.		0	0		
I already caught what I plan to eat.		$\bigcirc$	$\circ$		
l enjoy the sport of catching and releasing fish.		0			
I am interested in fisheries conservation.		0	0		
I don't want to catch my limit too quickly.		0			
some are too big and don't taste as good.		0	0	0	
some look damaged or not in good shape.		0	0		
of some other reason (please specify).					

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Please indicate the extent to which you support or oppose the following conservation measures.

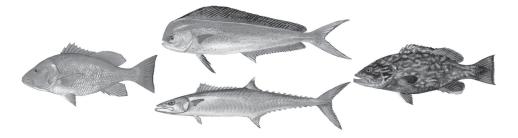
Conservation Measure	Support	Somewhat Support	Feel Neutral	Somewhat Oppose	Oppose
Minimum size limits		0	0	0	$\circ$
Maximum size limits		0	0		
Slot limits (combined maximum and minimum size limits)		0		0	$\circ$
Bag limits		0	0		
Area closures to protect key habitat		0	0		
Seasonal closures to protect spawning or other seasonal aggregations		0	0	0	
Restrictions on the type of fishing gear that can be used		0	0	0	
Harvest moratorium/closure for species in trouble		0			

### Section B: Your Preferences for Saltwater Fishing Trips

In this section we want to know about your preferences for different types of saltwater fishing trips. Each question will ask you to compare two single day fishing trips that vary in the following ways:

- **Target species:** The species of fish you expect to catch on the trip.
- Total number of fish caught per trip: Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- **Bag limit:** The number of fish of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- Minimum size limit: The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- Catch at or above minimum size: Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- Trip cost: Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- Other fish: Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

These definitions are also provided on each of the following pages for your reference. Please refer to them as needed.



# Please look at the table, compare all the features of each fishing trip, and then answer the question below.

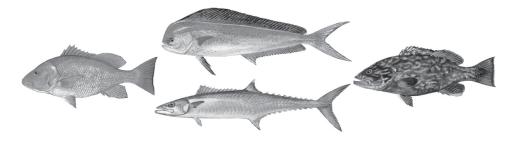
#### **Definitions**

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- Total number of fish caught per trip: Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- Bag limit: The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- Minimum size limit: The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- Catch at or above minimum size: Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- Trip cost: Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- Other fish: Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	King Mackerel	King Mackerel	
Total number caught per trip	1 King Mackerel	5 King Mackerel	
Bag limit	1 King Mackerel	5 King Mackerel	
Minimum size limit	20 inches	20 inches	Do something else, but not take a
Catch at or above the minimum size	1 King Mackerel	3 King Mackerel	saltwater fishing trip.
Trip cost	\$140	\$45	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	1 King Mackerel	3 King Mackerel	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	3 fish	1 fish	



- Trip A
- Trip B
- O No Trip



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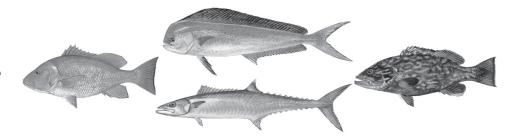
#### **Definitions**

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- Bag limit: The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
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- Trip cost: Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- Other fish: Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Red Snapper	Dolphin	
Total number caught per trip	3 Red Snapper	3 Dolphin	
Bag limit	5 Red Snapper	10 Dolphin	
Minimum size limit	22 inches	18 inches	Do something else, but not take a
Catch at or above the minimum size	3 Red Snapper	1 Dolphin	saltwater fishing trip.
Trip cost	\$105	\$45	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	3 Red Snapper	1 Dolphin	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	6 fish	6 fish	



- Trip A
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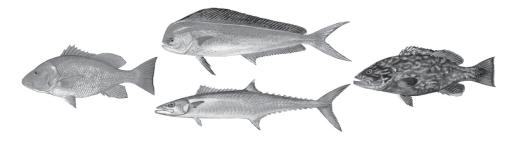
#### **Definitions**

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- Total number of fish caught per trip: Your expected total catch of the target species. Your total may be restricted by the bag limit and/or the minimum size limit.
- Bag limit: The number of the target species that you are legally allowed to keep per fishing trip.
- Minimum size limit: The minimum length of the target species that you may keep. You are not legally allowed to keep fish that measure less than this length.
- Catch at or above minimum size: Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- Trip cost: Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- Other fish: Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	King Mackerel	Dolphin	
Total number caught per trip	2 King Mackerel	10 Dolphin	
Bag limit	3 King Mackerel	20 Dolphin	
Minimum size limit	24 inches	18 inches	Do something else, but not take a
Catch at or above the minimum size	2 King Mackerel	10 Dolphin	saltwater fishing trip.
Trip cost	\$140	\$70	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	2 King Mackerel	10 Dolphin	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	6 fish	3 fish	



- Trip A
- Trip B
- O No Trip



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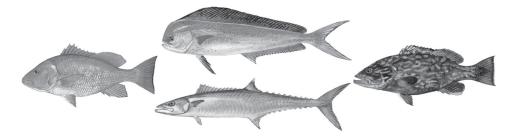
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- Catch at or above minimum size: Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- Trip cost: Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- Other fish: Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Grouper	Dolphin	
Total number caught per trip	6 Grouper	3 Dolphin	
Bag limit	1 Grouper	15 Dolphin	
Minimum size limit	18 inches	24 inches	Do something else, but not take a
Catch at or above the minimum size	6 Grouper	1 Dolphin	saltwater fishing trip.
Trip cost	\$70	\$70	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	1 Grouper	1 Dolphin	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	3 fish	3 fish	



- Trip A
- Trip B
- O No Trip



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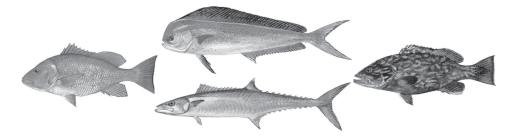
#### **Definitions**

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- Catch at or above minimum size: Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- Trip cost: Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- Other fish: Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Dolphin	Grouper	
Total number caught per trip	1 Dolphin	5 Grouper	
Bag limit	15 Dolphin	1 Grouper	_
Minimum size limit	24 inches	24 inches	Do something else, but not take a
Catch at or above the minimum size	1 Dolphin	2 Grouper	saltwater fishing trip.
Trip cost	\$70	\$140	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	1 Dolphin	1 Grouper	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	1 fish	1 fish	



- Trip A
- Trip B
- O No Trip



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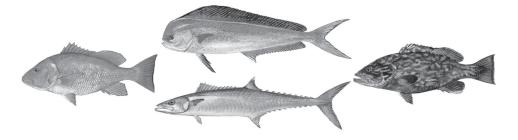
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- Other fish: Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Red Snapper	Grouper	
Total number caught per trip	5 Red Snapper	1 Grouper	
Bag limit	2 Red Snapper	2 Grouper	_
Minimum size limit	18 inches	20 inches	Do something else, but not take a
Catch at or above the minimum size	5 Red Snapper	1 Grouper	saltwater fishing trip.
Trip cost	\$45	\$140	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	2 Red Snapper	1 Grouper	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	3 fish	6 fish	



- Trip A
- Trip B
- O No Trip



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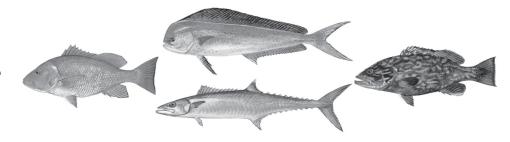
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- Catch at or above minimum size: Your expected catch of the target species that are equal to or longer than the minimum size limit.
- Trip cost: Includes your personal share of the costs associated with gas, wear and tear on your vehicle, tolls, ferries, parking, access fees, food, ice, bait, and fishing equipment used on this trip.
- Other fish: Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Dolphin	King Mackerel	
Total number caught per trip	10 Dolphin	5 King Mackerel	
Bag limit	10 Dolphin	1 King Mackerel	
Minimum size limit	24 inches	28 inches	Do something else, but not take a
Catch at or above the minimum size	1 Dolphin	2 King Mackerel	saltwater fishing trip.
Trip cost	\$105	\$105	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	1 Dolphin	1 King Mackerel	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	6 fish	3 fish	



- Trip A
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- Other fish: Any fish you might expect to catch on a fishing trip for the target species (not including the target species).

Features	Trip A	Trip B	No Trip
Target species	Red Snapper	Red Snapper	
Total number caught per trip	3 Red Snapper	3 Red Snapper	
Bag limit	5 Red Snapper	5 Red Snapper	
Minimum size limit	18 inches	18 inches	Do something else, but not take a
Catch at or above the minimum size	3 Red Snapper	2 Red Snapper	saltwater fishing trip.
Trip cost	\$70	\$70	
Catch of target species you are legally allowed to keep	3 Red Snapper	2 Red Snapper	
Catch of other fish you are legally allowed to keep	1 fish	6 fish	



- Trip A
- Trip B
- O No Trip

### Section C: About You and Your Household

Different types of anglers may have different preferences for fisheries management. The following basic demographic questions will help fishery managers understand the opinions of different types of anglers. The information you provide will remain strictly confidential, and you will not be identified with your answers.

C1	Are	you	?
		○ M	ale Female
C2	Wh	at is th	e highest level of education you have completed?
			Some high school
			High school graduate
		0	2-year degree or technical school
			Some college
			College graduate
			Professional or doctoral degree
C3	Wh	at best	describes your employment status? Please check all that apply.
			Employed full-time
			Employed part-time
			Full time homemaker
			Retired
			Student (part-time)
		0	Student (full-time)
			Unemployed
			Other (specify)

C4 What year were you born?
Year:
What is your ethnic background?
White
Black/African American
Hispanic/Spanish
Asian/Pacific Islander
American Indian
Other:
Which of the following categories best describes your household's total annual income before taxes in 2002?
C \$15,600 \$31,100
\$15,600 - \$31,199 \$31,300 \$46,700
\$31,200 - \$46,799 \$46,800 - \$62,399
\$62,400 - \$77,999
\$78,000 - \$93,599
\$93,600 - \$109,199
\$109,200 - \$124,799
\$124,800 - \$139,999
Greater than \$140,000
Was this survey completed by the person to whom it was mailed?

No

Yes

### Thank You for Participating!

Please use the space below to make any additional comments you may have. If you have any questions regarding the survey, please call 1.301.713.2328 or email brad.gentner@noaa.gov

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